

other than a storage area to which said database is stored, and to respond to said request by transmitting an identifying information of said stored data to said program; and
a second process of enabling said program to refer to said common storage area based on said identifying information of said stored data, to obtain said stored data.

2. (Amended) A database processing method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a third process of enabling said database server to create a storage area identifying information for identifying the area on said storage device to which said data is outputted;

a fourth process of notifying said program of said storage area identifying information from said database server; and

a fifth process of enabling said program to refer to the area on said storage device using said storage identifying information obtained by said notification to obtain said data.

3. (Amended) A database processing method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:

a sixth process of enabling said program to request an execution of a function defined in said database;

a seventh process of enabling said database server to execute said function according to a request from said program;

an eighth process of enabling said function to create a storage area identifying information of said storage device to which said data is outputted,

a ninth process of enabling said function to output said data to said storage area; and

a tenth process of enabling said function to notify said database server of said storage area identifying information.

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5. (Amended) A database processing method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a process of enabling said program to refer to said storage device to which said data is outputted by said database server, at the same node as a node where said database server is in operation to obtain said data.

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6. (Amended) A database processing system used in a database system having a client-server arrangement for treating a massive amount of data, comprising:

first means for enabling a database server operating in a server to output to a file said massive amount of data stored in a database requested by a program operating in a client, and to respond to said request by transmitting said file to said program; and

second means for enabling said program to refer to said file where said massive amount of data is outputted by said first means, to obtain said massive amount of data.

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7. (Amended) A database processing system as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

means of enabling said database server to create a file identifying information for identifying said file where said massive amount of data is outputted;

means of notifying said program of said file identifying information from said database server; and